

Remarks

Claims 1-7 and 9-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 10 and 12 stand rejected; claims 9 and 11 are allowed; and claims 5-7 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this response claims 1-4, 8, 10 and 12 are canceled and claims 5-7 have been amended to include the limitations of canceled claims 1 and 3. Applicants respectfully request consideration of Applicants' response herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-7 and allowed claims 9 and 11 in the Office Action Summary. Applicants have rewritten claims 5-7 to include all the limitations of rejected base claim 1 and intervening claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5-7 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted the application may be passed to issuance.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application. Please charge Applicants' deposit account, 09-0456, for any additional fee the PTO determines is due.

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